



# CALIFORNIA STATE THREAT ASSESSMENT CENTER

## 24-HOUR REPORT

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### (U) CALIFORNIA

#### (U) Carpinteria – Arsonist Arrested for Weekend Fires along Highway 101

(U) The Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office arrested a suspect they say set a fire that shutdown Highway 101 through Carpinteria Saturday night and again Sunday morning. Deputies were called to the same area Monday for a person digging into the hillside. It's believed that is the point of origin for the weekend underground fires. A Carpinteria resident was arrested after he told authorities he started the fire in a culvert on Saturday. He was arrested for felony arson and possession of cocaine.

SOURCE: 22 February 2022, [KEYT](#)

### (U) NATIONAL

#### (U) Arizona – Police Seize Over \$375K in Fake Fentanyl Pills, \$70K in Cash, Authorities Arrest Four Men

(U) Phoenix – Phoenix police say four men were arrested in connection to a large drug trafficking operation yesterday. A task force with the DEA worked on the investigation and served three separate search warrants in Phoenix and Avondale. The total seizure from the search warrants yielded 375,000 fake M30 pills suspected to contain fentanyl, 190 pounds of methamphetamine, 12 pounds of marijuana, three pounds of heroin, over two kilograms of powder cocaine, and one kilo of powder suspected to be fentanyl. Additionally, over \$70,000 in cash was recovered, along with seven guns and five vehicles.

SOURCE: 23 February 2022, [FOX10](#)

#### (U) District of Columbia – Woman Sentenced to 45 Days in Jail for Involvement in US Capitol Riot

(U) Washington – A 6 January rioter who said that “war just started” in a video taken after the attack on the US Capitol and encouraged social media followers to act as well was sentenced yesterday to 45 days in jail. Imelda Acosta, also known by her social media name “Mariposa Castro,” livestreamed the 2021 riot for more than 40 minutes, capturing parts of one of the most brutal attacks on police that day. She was fined \$5,000 in addition to the 45-day sentence. She had previously pleaded guilty to unlawfully protesting.

SOURCE: 23 February 2022, [CNN](#)

#### (U) District of Columbia –Firearms Deaths Surpass Car Crashes as Leading Cause of Death by Trauma

(U) Washington – Firearm deaths have overtaken car crashes as the leading cause of death by trauma in the US, according to a new study. In 2017, there were 1.44 million years of potential life lost due to firearm deaths, edging out that of motor vehicle crashes (1.37 million years), according to the study published Tuesday in the journal Trauma Surgery and Acute Care Open; the trend continuing in 2018. Those numbers are based on data from the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention between 2009 and 2018, the most recent year for which data was available.

SOURCE: 23 February 2022, [CNN](#)

## UNCLASSIFIED

### **(U) Ohio – Three Plead Guilty to Domestic Terrorism Crimes Related to Plans to Attack Power Grids**

(U) Columbus – Three men pleaded guilty yesterday to crimes related to conspiring to attack power grids throughout the United States in furtherance of racially or ethnically motivated violent extremism advocating for the supremacy of the white race. Christopher Brenner Cook, 20, Jonathan Allen Frost, 24, and Jackson Matthew Sawall, 22, have each pleaded guilty to one count of conspiring to provide material support to terrorists.

SOURCE: 23 February 2022, [US DOJ](#)

### **(U) Oklahoma – Law Enforcement Conduct Large Black Market Marijuana Raid, Issue Arrest Warrants**

(U) Edmond – Oklahoma drug enforcement officers conducted a massive raid of nine marijuana grow operations across the state Tuesday, targeting criminal organizations that are believed to have transported black market cannabis out of state. The Oklahoma Bureau of Narcotics led the multi-agency operation with more than 200 state, federal and local law enforcement officers executing search warrants and arrest warrants. The raids also targeted three residences in Edmond, Norman and Mustang that are believed to have been involved in illegal shipments.

SOURCE: 22 February 2022, [Oklahoman](#)

### **(U) Texas – Deputy Killed During Shooting Incident at Sharpstown Center Mall**

(U) Houston – The law enforcement officer who was injured yesterday in a shooting at the Sharpstown Center shopping mall in Houston has died, according to authorities. Police confirmed the deputy worked with the San Jacinto County Precinct 1 Constable's Office. The shooting happened yesterday afternoon at the PlazAmericas Mall according to Houston police. The suspect involved was also shot and taken to the hospital. It is unclear what led to the shooting.

SOURCE: 23 February 2022, [ABC13](#)

## **(U) INTERNATIONAL**

### **(U) Ukraine – More than 40 People Reportedly Killed, Up to 10 Civilians in Russian Invasion**

(U) Kyiv – The Ukrainian Presidency has said that more than 40 soldiers have been killed since the Russian invasion of Ukraine began and a few dozen injured. An adviser in the President's Office said that in addition to the military casualties, "as far as I know, at the moment there are a few civilian deaths – up to ten." The Russian strikes were geographically widespread, hitting Ukraine from the eastern city of Luhansk to just outside the western city of Lviv, according to the Ukrainian Ministry of Internal Affairs. Other hubs including the capital city of Kyiv and Kharkiv were also attacked.

SOURCE: 24 February 2022, [CNN](#), [Washington Post](#)

### **(U) Ukraine – Cyberattack Hits Ukrainian Banks and Government Websites**

(U) Kyiv – Several Ukrainian government websites were offline yesterday as a result of a mass distributed denial of service attack, head of Ukraine's Ministry of Digital Transformation said in his Telegram channel. The attack, which also impacted some banks, began around 4 p.m. local time. Websites for the Ukrainian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Cabinet of Ministers and Rada, the country's parliament, were among those down as of yesterday morning. The government sites were offline as officials attempted to switch traffic elsewhere to minimize damage, he said.

SOURCE: 23 February 2022, [CNBC](#)

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